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Candidates seek votes in new state districts

Area voters will find themselves voting in different districts next year with the shift in state House and Senate boundaries.

Voters in the same city may see different candidates on the November ballot for state offices, depending on their location in the changing districts. While Wayne and Westland were in the same district for decades, that has now changed and the two cities have been reassigned into separate congressional districts. Westland has been divided into both the 25th and 26th district.

That 25th District also includes the City of Wayne along with a portion of Canton Township.

Incumbent Democrat Kevin Coleman has filed for reelection to the 25th State House of Representatives District. He is being challenged by first-time candidate Scott Barlow of Westland for the seat.

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The remaining portion of the City of Westland, along with a part of Inkster, Garden City and Romulus, now falls into District 26. Democrats Steven Chisholm of Inkster, Stephen Patterson, also of Inkster, Dylan Wegela of Garden City and Allen Wilson of Romulus all filed for election last week seeking the term in the newly drawn 26th District. They will be on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

State Senate District 4 includes the City of Wayne, Romulus, Southgate, Belleville, Flat Rock and Trenton. Incumbent State Sen. Darrin Camilleri of Trenton has filed for the seat along with three Republicans, James Chapman of Belleville, Michael Frazier of Romulus and Beth Socia of Flat Rock. The three will face a primary election in August to determine which of them will face Camilleri.

The August primary ballot will also determine the Democratic candidate for State Senate District 5 which includes Livonia, Canton Township, Inkster and Garden City. Incumbent Sen Dayna Polehanki of Livonia is being challenged by fellow Democrat Velman Jean Overman on the primary ballot. Voters will choose from Republican candidates Emily Bauman of Westland, Jody Rice-White of Livonia and Leonard Scott, Jr. of Canton on the August ballot.

In Congress, Incumbent Rashida Tlaib of Detroit will face fellow Democrats Kelly Garrett of Lathrup Village and Janice Winfrey of Detroit for the District 12 congressional seat. Republicans on the primary ballot for the term in Washington include newcomers Steven Elliott of Rochester Hills, James Hooper of Livonia and Hassan Nehme of Dearborn Heights.

The City of Wayne falls into Congressional District 13 where multiple Democratic candidates have filed for the national office. Seeking to move to the November ballot will be Detroit residents John Conyers III, State Sen. Adam Hollier, Portia Roberson, Lorrie Rutledge, Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, Michael Griffe, Angela McIntosh, Sharon McPhail and Rep. Shri Thaedar.

Only one Republican, Martell Bivings, also of Detroit, filed nominating paperwork seeking the office.

STEP up
Art program provides support for disabled

Art students are taking a STEP forward as part of a Wayne County-based nonprofit program.

Services to Enhance Potential, or STEP, has developed and launched a new arts program for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities in southeast Michigan. STEP provides support services for people with disabilities and mental health needs.

While the organization is largely known for employment services - linking people with employers, providing job training services, and more - the art program is new at STEP. Dubbed the Progressive Art Studio Collective, or PASC, the arts program aims to not only provide individuals with a creative outlet but a future in the art world, too.

"Just like with any other artists' studio, the PASC studio is here to help people find their artistic style," said Anthony Marcellini, project lead for PASC. "In the studio, we're not trying to hide or mask peoples' disabilities. People can see and use their disabilities as something that's positive, something that's unique to them and their style and their work."

In January 2021, the program launched in Detroit in a space big enough for about seven people, Marcellini said. The program has now expanded to a new location, providing studio space for 20 to 26 people each day.

The program proved so popular that a second PASC studio opened at their Westland location in February. And a third studio, along with a gallery, is scheduled to open at a STEP-affiliated thrift store in Southgate.

One of the program goals is to find a permanent studio and gallery space in Detroit, hoping for the right location with lots of foot traffic.

"This is the first progressive art studio in Detroit. It's a pretty good example of what's been forgotten in the city," Marcellini said. Progressive art studio is a term used to describe those studios that let artists find their style and independence on their own, instead of providing them with instructors and menial tasks.

Rather than take a top-down approach, with a teacher leading a class through practice and exercises, the PASC model adopts an open studio methodology. Marcellini and his fellow assistants are there to support and encourage the artists, not instruct them. There are no teachers. The PASC program is available at no cost to individuals with disabilities in Wayne County through Medicaid. Those outside of Wayne County or without Medicaid are eligible for scholarships.

"The artists are more independent here than maybe some other places. They're producing work that they're proud of and it's work that they're producing independ-

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Road work lawn damage riles Romulus residents

Residential lawns damaged or destroyed by road construction in Romulus will be repaired by the contractor as the work is completed.

Roberto Scappaticci, director of the Romulus Department of Public Works, told members of the city council that he was well aware of the number of complaints from residents during the ongoing roadwork in the city. He appeared at the April 11 meeting to answer any questions councilmembers might have regarding Phase III of the upcoming reconstruction of Beverly Road in the city.

The 20-percent local matching fee with the State of Michigan for the Beverly Road work totaled $269,527.

Councilwoman Tina Talley asked Scappaticci about control of the project and he explained that it was a tri-party agreement. Romulus has engineering consultants on the project and they work with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the actual contractors to orchestrate and organize the construction.

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He said this project would not differ markedly from the nearly complete Wick Road reconstruction in the city.

Councilwoman Virginia Williams said that she had heard from multiple residents along the Wick Road project who had complaints regarding damage to their lawns and property and that those complaints had "fallen on deaf ears." She said residents had their yards destroyed and the contractors refused to repair the damages.

"These contractors need to make sure residents are taken care of when their property is destroyed" she said.

Williams added that she felt there should be some discount to the city when contractors close a heavily used road for a length of time as they move on to another job in the city.

Scappaticci explained he was aware that people are frustrated and that there were delays on the Wick Road project. Some of those, he said, were due to the delay in finding custom fabricated equipment necessary for the work. He said some of the supply delays were the result of COVID interruptions.

"We have had weekly meetings and put more than enough pressure on them to expedite the project," he explained. He said he was confident that the contractor would be forced to "do the right thing" when the project was complete.

"We'll make sure everyone is put back whole," he said.

The section of Beverly Road between Merriman and Middlebelt will be completely reconstructed and is expected to be complete in about four months. The expense was approved by a unanimous vote of council members.

Westland

Feet on the Street

Recycling counselors to inspect trash containers throughout city

Westland residents may be surprised to see inspectors taking a look in their trash bins and refuse containers beginning next month.

In an effort to help residents recycle more effectively, the city has joined the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Recycling Partnership, a nonprofit organization that works with communities, companies, and governments to transform recycling. The partnership among nearly 100 Michigan communities is an effort to help residents recycle more effectively.

Starting in May and with the assistance of a $100,000 grant, Westland officials will launch The Recycling Partnership Feet on the Street cart tagging recycling initiative -a communitywide initiative to improve the quality of recycling in single-stream curbside recycling bins by providing residents personalized and real-time curbside recycling education and feedback.

Included in the Feet on the Street program is a comprehensive education and outreach strategy that involves a team of community-based observers visiting each resident's cart and providing tailored feedback on how to improve what items make it into the cart.

The Feet on the Street program is intended to increase the amount of quality recyclables and reduce the amount of non-recyclables in recycling carts. Developed by The Recycling Partnership, this program helps communities achieve economically efficient recycling programs, reduces the number of new resources used in packaging by providing more recycled content for new products, and improves the cleanliness of communities, officials said.

"Recycling is not only the right thing to do, but also the smart thing to do," said Mayor William R. Wild "Recycling properly saves our taxpayers money by reducing the cost of sending recyclable materials to the landfill, supports jobs, and improves the health of the environment. We know residents want to recycle the right way and through this campaign, we are providing them personalized, real-time feedback to do just that."

"The Recycling Partnership is excited to continue working with MI EGLE and Michigan communities to improve residential recycling across the state," said Cassandra Ford, community program manager at The Recycling Partnership. "Through this project, we are helping capture more quality recyclables that are then transformed into new materials, as well as creating and supporting jobs, less waste, and stronger, healthier communities."

"EGLE is excited to continue working with The Recycling Partnership and Michigan communities to continue to improve residential recycling through these quality improvement projects," said Emily Freeman, recycling specialist for EGLE materials management division. "We all have a role to play in the circular economy and these grants will help even more Michigan communities engage with their residents and improve the quality of recyclable materials collected in curbside and drop off programs across Michigan."

The partnership has successfully implemented the Feet on the Street program in more than 70 communities around the nation, with some communities seeing as much as a 57 percent decrease of nonrecyclables in recycling and average a 27 percent increase in the overall capture of quality recyclables.

Learn more about what is and is not acceptable at www.cityofwestland.com/291/Curbside-Recycling.

On a mission

Lighthouse Home Mission in Westland will host the annual yard sale from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily beginning tomorrow and continuing through Saturday, May 7. All proceeds from the sale of gently used furniture, small and large appliances, household décor, collectibles, electronics, sporting goods, kitchen gadgets, movies, bathroom accessories, lamps, rugs, housewares and other items go to the mission pantry to purchase food for those in need. Donations to the sale are still being accepted. The church is located at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland. Donations and sales last year kept volunteers, who are still needed, busy, a spokesperson said. "This is the largest yard sale most people have ever seen," she added. For more information, call (734) 326-3885.

Career move

Westland resident Don Nicholson was recently appointed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the Committee on the Purchase of Goods and Services from Community Rehabilitation Organizations. Nicholson, owner of Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC, publishes, prints, and creates graphic design materials for public and community events. Nicholson will represent members at large for a term beginning April 1 and expiring March 31, 2024.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2022 for the following:

REMOVAL AND REPLACMENT OF SUMMIT ROOF TOP UNIT # 3 FAN MOTOR

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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SUMPTER - ROMULUS

City seeking commission, committee candidates

Appointments and reappointments to the Romulus Brownfield Redevelopment Authority prompted a request for more public involvement during the April 11 meeting of the city council members.

Mayor Robert McCraight announced his choices for appointments and re-appointments to the authority which meets on an as-needed basis and is advisory. He requested council members approve the appointments of Michael Hoffman, Emory Long and Yolana Brown Ali to the volunteer group and reappoint Dean Trudeau and Randy Moffet to the authority with all terms to expire July 13 of 2025.

Prior to a vote on the appointments, Councilwoman Virginia Williams said that she had received calls from residents concerned about the appointments of the same group of individuals to various committees and commissions in the city. She said it "seems the same individuals are being appointed" and asked why other residents of the city who applied for various commissions and boards "were not even considered."

McCraight responded that his office considers every applicant who volunteers to serve on a city committee. He explained, too, that in the case of the Brownfield Authority, the appointments were time sensitive as there was grant money involved.

"I've been encouraging residents to become involved," McCraight said. "We'd love to have more participation, especially from our new residents and not use the same people all the time."

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Councilwoman Kathy Abdo responded and said that she was aware of McCraight's attempts to encourage residents to participate, but that often people were unaware that an opening was available or a vacancy about to occur.

"When we have an upcoming board opening, can we announce it? That would show we are serious about getting people involved," she suggested. Abdo added that the announcements of upcoming vacancies on various city boards could be posted on the city website and included in the various social media announcements of upcoming events in the city.

McCraight said he was in favor of the suggestion and felt the added notifications might increase participation.

Councilwoman Eva Webb said that the Brownfield Development Authority is "very, very important, but it is on an as-needed basis." She added that when she served on the authority which "helps promote rebalance and greening" in the community, the group met only once in two years. "It is an advisory board, not a commission or a committee," she said.

"We need Brownfield in our city and I am satisfied with those appointed by the mayor, they have the necessary qualifications," Webb added.

Williams responded that she had no problem with those individuals the mayor had selected for appointment. "It is not an issue of committee or commission. It is to show that we give concerns of residents to the mayor and he will answer," she said.

The appointments and re-appointments were approved by unanimous vote.

Library board OK's language for millage vote Aug. 2

Voters in the Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter communities will be asked to replace an expired library operating millage on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

Members of the library board approved the language for the ballot question during a meeting earlier this month. The requested 0.6864 millage will replace the operating tax which expired last year, officials said. Board members opted to place the millage question on the primary ballot this year rather than call for a special election when the levy expired during the pandemic.

The millage is for a period of 15 years, officials said and is the same amount as the expired tax which funds library operations.

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At the requested rate, taxpayers would pay about 69 cents per each $1,000 of taxable property value, usually assessed at half the market value of property.

According to the approved language, the library would collect an estimated $1,189,187 from the .06864 tax the first year. If approved by voters, the millage would remain in effect from 2022 until 2036 in the communities the library serves.

New voter cards to be issued

Sumpter Township Clerk Esther Hurst will be mailing new voter identification cards to registered voters before the upcoming Aug. 2 election.

Hurst explained to the board of trustees and audience members at the April 12 meeting that the new state redistricting map eliminated Precinct 2 in the township and that polling places for some voters would change.

"With the loss of Precinct 2-the Moose Lodge-we'll be mailing voter ID cards to all voters during the next several weeks advising them of new locations," Hurst said.

She noted that her office is looking for election workers for the state primary election set for Aug. 2 and suggested anyone interested in working at the election polls contact her office for more information. The clerk's office can be reached by phone at (734) 461-6201.

Candidates file for House seat

Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller has announced her candidacy for the new 31st State House District covering the communities of Van Buren Township, Belleville, sections of Romulus, Sumpter Township, Exeter Township, Raisinville Township, Augusta Township, Dundee Township, Milan, Macon Township, and York Township.

She will face fellow Democrat Glenn R. Morrison, Jr., also of Van Buren Township, during the Aug. 2 primary election. Republican candidates on the primary ballot will be Dale Biniecki of Monroe and Holli Vallade of Milan

In the 29th District, Alex Garza of Taylor was the lone Democrat to file and will not face a challenger in the primary. Republicans James DeSana of Carleton, Sam Ditzhazy of Taylor, Jack Richert of Belleville and Brian Warzocha of New Boston will be on the Republican primary ballot.

The General Election is Nov. 8.

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Canton - Plymouth

Familiar names to appear on August primary ballot

Voters in Canton Township, Plymouth and Northville will find some familiar names on the Aug. 2 primary ballot which will reduce the number of candidates in the November election.

In the 6th District which includes Plymouth Township, the City of Plymouth, Canton Township and areas south and west including all of Washtenaw County, Republicans Whittney Williams of Canton and Hima Kolanagireddy of Northville will be hoping to win voters' favor. Democrats on the primary ballot for the congressional term in Washington D.C. will be incumbent Debbie Dingell of Ann Arbor and Shanelle Jackson of Detroit.

Leonard C. Scott of Canton Township, Emily Bauman of Westland and Jody M. Rich-White filed paperwork to appear on the Republican primary ballot hoping to become the state senator from the 5th State District. Democratic hopefuls are Velma Jean Overman of Inkster and Dayna Polehanki of Livonia.

Hoping to become the State Senator from the 13th District with includes Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth Township, the City of Plymouth, Novi and northern Farmington Hills are Republicans Jason Rhines of Northville Township and Brian Williams of Northville along with Kint Kesto of Bloomfield. Rosemary Bayer, a Democrat from Keego Harbor, will not face a primary challenger.

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In the 22nd District State Representative area, incumbent Matt Koleszar, a Democrat from Plymouth, was the only candidate to file. Republicans hoping to challenge Koleszar include Rob Donovic of Livonia and Cathryn Neracher of Northville. The district includes the City of Plymouth, western Livonia, eastern Plymouth Township, northern and eastern Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of the City of Northville.

Plymouth Republican Richard Sharland and Ann Arbor Democrat Jason Morgan are the only candidates who filed to become the State Representative from the 23rd District which includes the western parts of Northville and Plymouth townships and stretches southwest into Ann Arbor.

There will be no primary for the 24th District State Representative as only incumbent Ranjeev Puri, a Democrat from Canton, and John Anthony, a Republican from Canton, filed nominating petitions. The district includes nearly all of Canton Township.

School district negotiates technology building purchase

A $2 to $3 million savings has prompted members of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education to re-consider budgeted construction of a technology building.

The construction of a $6.9 million building to house the information technology and maintenance departments was one of the projects included in the 2020 bond plan. The current economy and construction supply chain issues have prompted the board members to consider the purchase of a 37,000-square-foot building in Plymouth Township at a price of $3.6 million to house the two departments. The purchase could generate hefty savings, school officials said.

Original plans were to construct a two-story building on land at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park, near the high schools. The building under consideration for purchase is located in an industrial park east of Beck Road on Pilot Drive.

District Chief Finance and Operations Officer Deborah J. Piesz explained the plan to members of the school board at a meeting earlier this month.

"Due in part to supply chain issues, our current bond projects are facing up to 20 percent cost overages. Purchasing this building would cost $96 per square foot compared to the $250 (square foot) cost of building," she said.

> *Funding for the purchase, if approved by the board members, would be from the district general fund.*

She added that the expense of building far exceeds current prices for existing structures although the market on real estate remains "tight". She said the price for the building under consideration is reasonable, especially since the seller is including the furnishings and fixtures in the price.

Funding for the purchase, if approved by the board members, would be from the district general fund as there is no provision in the bond allowing for a purchase of this type.

Piesz said the general fund has adequate funding to pay for the building.

The proposed purchase could save the district an estimated $2 to $3 million, noted board Treasurer Patrick Kehoe, and would allow the district to use the funding for other projects.

District officials have agreed to a non-binding letter of intent with the seller of the building which is covered by attorney-client privilege, Piesz said. She said the building, constructed in 2002, will require about $180,000 in maintenance. She added that the building "overall" has been well maintained.

If approved, the district could take possession of the Pilot Drive building by July 1.

Canton man is convicted in brutal saw assault on wife, daughter

The Canton Township man accused of attacking his wife with a large circular saw and harming his young daughter has been found guilty of assault with intent to murder, torture and child abuse charges.

Third Circuit Court Judge Paul Cusick ruled against Oswald Tallent, 48, during a bench trial last week, finding him guilty of the charges. Defense attorneys claimed that Tallent was legally insane at the time of the March 30, 2021 attack in the driveway of the Canton family home.

Canton police were called to the home on a domestic abuse report and arrested Tallent at the scene.

Prior to issuing his verdict, Cusick reviewed mental health reports and claims that Tallent said he "heard voices, saw spaceships and the illuminati" following the attack submitted by Tallent's attorney Brent Jaffe. The judge remained unconvinced beyond a reasonable doubt that Tallent was mentally ill and did not understand his actions were wrong during the commission of the crimes.

Court testimony included claims that Tallent's wife, 44, had threatened to divorce the contractor and self-employed mason the day of the incident, during which Tallent also injured his daughter as she attempted to flee from him. The judge said the evidence indicated that Tallent was angry rather than mentally incapacitated.

Tallent is scheduled to be sentenced at the end of this month on the charges of assault with intent to murder, torture, third-degree child abuse and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. He could spend the rest of his life in prison if the maximum sentence is imposed, according to court documents.

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
May 16, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Monday, May 16, 2022** for the purpose of considering the following:

1. **PDA-2020-001; Fairways at Gateway Planned Development Area (PDA) Amendment**, to modify the type of residential structures allowed in The Fairways at Gateway Sub No. 3, Lots 220, 221 and 222 (Parcels No. 80-009-001-0220-000, 80-009-001-0221-000, & 80-009-001-0222-000); and Parcel No. 80-009-99-0001-707
   - Subdivision No. 3 (Lots 220, 221, and 222) was approved with 56, 4-plex units in 14 buildings; 53 attached units in 13 buildings of varying sizes is proposed.
   - Phases No. 5 and No. 6 were approved with 102 duplex units; 91 detached single-family residential units are proposed.
2. **SLU-2022-001; SoZo Granny's Day Care**, requesting special land use approval to allow a 12-child group day care home located at 38102 Walnut (Parcel No. 80-117-03-0258-000).

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485. A copy of the proposed requests are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Department of Public Services, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or planning@romulusgov.com.

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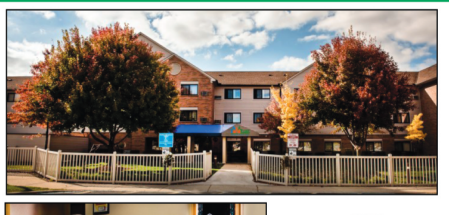
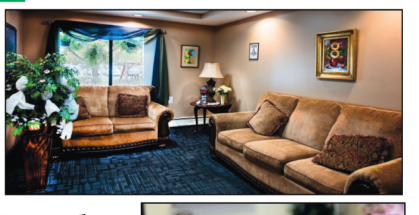

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Residents urged to complete road closure survey

The City of Northville and members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are requesting public opinion on whether to reopen two downtown streets - block-long sections of Main and North Center - to vehicular traffic. The two streets have been closed from North Center to Hutton and from Main to Dunlap, respectively, since June 2020.

Initially, the streets were closed due to on-and-off pandemic restrictions that limited the number of people allowed inside businesses - both retailers and restaurants. The closed streets resulted in a greater surface area for social distancing and downtown restaurants and retailers were permitted to expand their outdoor dining and retail presence to help maintain sales during a difficult time. The street closures were well received by most business owners, customers and residents, DDA officials said.

Northville was one of the first cities in the state to close streets to traffic due to COVID-19 and also was one of the first to establish a social district. The social district will continue regardless of whether the streets remain closed or reopen, they added.

> *"The current street closures are scheduled to end Nov. 1."*

The street closures were extended in September 2020 until March of 2021. Outdoor structures and heaters were added to provide warmth when the Department of Health and Human Services closed indoor dining in December 2020 due to a spike in COVID-19 cases.

In March 2021, the road closures were extended until November 2022 to evaluate how well the outdoor dining and retail structures drew customers throughout the year, especially during the cold months when indoor dining returned to full capacity. The structures and outdoor seating areas weren't as widely used this past winter as they were in winter 2020 since indoor dining had reopened, officials explained.

The current street closures are scheduled to end Nov. 1. After nearly two years of experience with the street closures, city and DDA officials are reaching out to the downtown community and all city residents for input on how these downtown streets should function in the future.

To share ideas or opinions about the street closures, visit the Northville city website to complete the survey. For more information, questions or comments, contact Lori Ward at lward@ci.northville.mi.us or (248) 349-0345.

'Gala' event to help fund New Hope Center for Grief

The Angels of Hope Charity Gala benefiting New Hope Center for Grief Support is planned for 6 p.m. May 20, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia.

The event is an effort to generate funding for New Hope and continue to serve the mission of bringing hope, healing, and new beginnings to children, families, and adults impacted by the death of a loved one. All New Hope programming and support groups are free of charge and open to all grievers. New Hope is a 501 (c3) nonprofit organization.

Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Kurt David and the evening will include dinner, beer and wine, a silent auction, cork pull, cake raffle, and dancing with the live band Dr. Pocket.

New Hope has served thousands of grievers during the past 22 years. During these uncertain times, services are seeing a tremendous increase in need, a spokesperson said. Whether the grief is an effect of the lingering global pandemic, extended isolation that brought forth unresolved grief, or the horrific losses due to or during COVID, New Hope is a resource providing free compassionate care.

Tickets are available at http://weblink.donorperfect.com/angelsofhopegala or by phone at (248) 348-0115 for further information. Ticket sales will end May 11. Event sponsors, participants to join in the festivities, and items to include in the auction are also being sought.

Philharmonic Youth Orchestra to present Spring Concert

Nearly 100 musicians from the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (MPYO) will take to the stage on Tuesday, May 3 at the Wilcox Theater at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

The annual MPYO Spring Concert will begin at 7 p.m. and feature five youth ensembles: Strings, made up of elementary school string players; Sinfonia, a middle school strings group; Flute Choir; Wind Ensemble and the Youth Symphony, a full orchestra of mainly high school musicians.

Led by Hector Qyteti since 2017, and supported by Dennis Carter conducting flutes and winds, the MPYO provides a musical experience for young musicians throughout Southeast Michigan. The full program for students ages 8-18 includes two string ensembles, a flute choir, a wind ensemble and a full youth symphony. Students in this program meet weekly to rehearse and give three concert performances as well as a summer pops event.

Among the pieces the String Ensemble will perform include "Purcelliana Overture" by Henry Purcell, "Appalachian Hymn" by Soon Hee Newbold, "A La Media Noche" Puerto Rican Carol," arranged by Bob Lipton and "Sinfonia Pallade e Marte" by Maria Grimani (arranged by Nan Washburn).

Among the music performed by the Sinfonia will be Mozart "Divertimento in D Major. K. 136 Allegro" by Mozart, "Libertango," by Astor Piazzola (arranged by James Kazik), "Molly on the Shore," by Percy Aldridge Grainger (arranged by Sandra Dackow," and "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by the Beatles (in a side-by-side with the Youth Symphony)

The Youth Symphony, made up mostly of high school musicians, will perform "Iphigenia in Aulis" arranged by Merle J. Isaac, Dvorak "Symphony No 8 Movement 4" by Dvorak (arranged by Nan Washburn and "I Want to Hold Your Hand (with Sinfonia)

Among the songs being performed by the Flute Choir will be "Global Village Samba," by Anthony G. Holland, "Londonderry Air," by Altrisches Lied (arranged by H. Kamioka), and "Maple Leaf Rag," by Scott Joplin (arranged by Sondra K. Tucker).

Tickets for the youth performance are $15 for adults and $5 for students. All Philharmonic concerts are subject to time and date changes as well as health restrictions already in place at the venues listed.

PARC is located at 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

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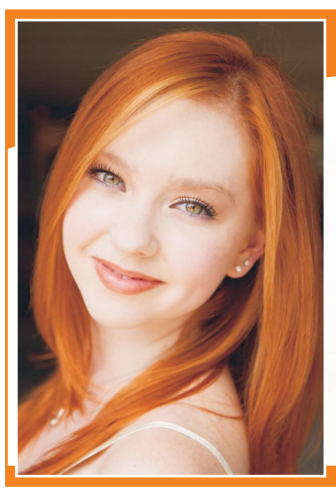

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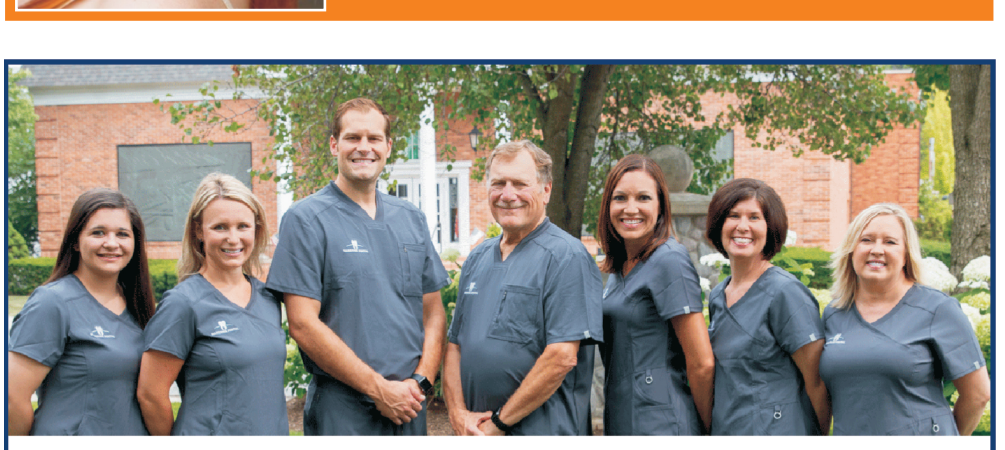

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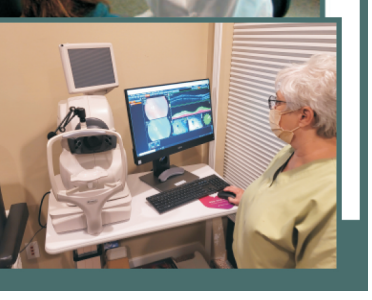

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Inkster - Wayne

Council considering new 8 mill property tax levy

Wayne residents could see an extra $200 to $300 on their tax bills next year if language for a new levy is authorized by members of the city council and then approved by voters in November.

The 8 mills proposed for five years would fund the police and fire department retirement plans. Wayne has been in a deficit position for contributions to the retirement plan for several years and was ordered by the court to levy 13.13999 mills on the city winter tax collection. The court order came after the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) sued the city for the arrearage in contributions. City officials opted not to defend the MERS court action in what was characterized by critics as a "friendly lawsuit" forcing the financial liability onto taxpayers.

Earlier this month, members of the city council directed the city attorney to prepare language for the November ballot requesting voters to approve up to 8 mills to fund the retirement obligations. The millage would fall under provisions of state Act 345 which gives communities the authority to create new tax levies specifically to fund police and fire retirement plans.

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According to officials, Wayne has 170 retirees collecting pension benefits with only 80 employees contributing to the fund. Several years ago, the city offered early retirement to employees in an effort to cut labor costs in the city which may have had an impact on the fund imbalance.

Officials said that the proposed millage, if approved by voters, would prevent another large tax levy by order of the court if MERS sues again. With voters approval of the new proposal, members of the council could decide annually whether to levy the full 8 mills depending on the outstanding MERS liability.

Officials attempted to persuade voters to approve an Act 345 millage request in 2013 and 2015, but the proposal failed at the ballot box. According to city officials, there is not sufficient tax revenue collected in the city to fund the pension obligations. If approved by voters, the collected 8 mills would also improve the balance in the city general fund, currently being used to pay the pension obligations.

Councilwoman Kelly Skiff cast the only no vote April 6 for the authorization of the ballot language.

STEP

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ently; we're not shadowing them," Marcellini said.

"They're making the decisions themselves. Whatever they create is intentional. I think this place will become part of the city's arts community - not just the disability community."

The progressive art studio approach eschews a top-down model featuring a teacher and a class. The open studio concept allows for the artists to work on their own projects as they see fit, promoting independence, pride in their work, and fostering each person's own unique and individual style.

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The goal is that one day they can begin to exhibit and sell their artworks, too.

"This concept has produced artists exhibited throughout the world," Marcellini said.

STEP-affiliated thrift stores and donation centers in Dearborn Heights, Southgate, and Wayne help the organization raise money and provide employment to their clients at the same time.

Police seeking slaying suspect

Troopers with the Michigan State Police are currently investigating the homicide of a young woman after her body was found in an Inkster apartment with apparent gunshot wounds.

State police authorities said detectives are piecing together what happened to the victim, a 23-year-old female, who was discovered around 6:30 p.m. in a residence at Hamlin Place Estates off Hamlin Drive in Inkster on April 20.

The name of the victim was not released and police did not provide any further information regarding the situation.

Candidates for city council seats file for 2-year terms

Wayne voters will be asked to choose city council members from three wards in the city during the November election.

Each of the terms is for two years ending in 2024 when all seven city elected positions will be on the ballot. Voters opted to terminate the current ward system during the last election, prompting the two-year ward terms on the ballot this year.

In Ward 4, Deborah Wass is unopposed for the council term; in Ward 5, Eric Cleerman, a member of the Wayne Commission on Aging, and Rabih Darwiche have filed nominating petitions seeking the term. In Ward 6, Mathew Mulholland and incumbent Philip Wagner will be on the ballot.

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